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RESOLUTION ON SRI LANKA ADOPTED AT UNHRC

22 COUNTRIES FOR, 11 AGAINST, 14 ABSTAIN

LANKA SLAMS "UNFAIR AND DIVISIVE" RESOLUTION
CHINA, PAKISTAN TAKE LEAD AGAINST RESOLUTION

DISNA MUDALIGE

The Resolution titled "Promoting Reconciliation, Accountability and Human Rights in Sri Lanka" (A/HRC/46/L.1/Rev.1) was adopted by the 47-Member United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) with 22 votes in favour and 11 votes against yesterday. Fourteen Member States including India abstained from voting. South Asian Member States

either voted against or abstained during the crucial vote on Sri Lanka at the 46th Session of the UNHRC. After criticizing the Council's unfair treatment

towards Sri Lanka, Pakistan and China called for a division on the Resolution, and voted against it along with Russia, the Philippines, Eritrea. **▶ TO PAGE 14**



'We will achieve progress regardless of inimical resolutions'



Inciting hatred: CID files B report against Wigneswaran

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA



The Criminal Investigations Department (CID) yesterday filed a B report in Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court against MP C.V. Wigneswaran for allegedly making statements to the media in a manner of inciting racial or religious hatred among ethnic communities.

The CID filed this B report pursuant to a complaint made by Attorney Dharshana Weraduwage.

Weraduwage had lodged a police complaint urging to take legal action against Parliamentarian C.V. Wigneswaran regarding his offensive remarks. **▶ TO PAGE 14**

Sri Lanka, China finalise

Sri Lanka has signed a 10 billion Yuan (US\$ 1.5 billion) currency swap deal with China for a three year period to be used for promoting bilateral trade and direct investment between the two countries, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) announced.

The deal was signed between the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) and the People's Bank of China (PBOC), a CBSL statement said on Monday. The People's Republic of China remains Sri

Lanka's largest source of imports. In 2020 imports from China amounted to US\$ 3.6 billion (22.3 per cent of Sri Lanka's imports), the statement said. The swap agreement has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers with the recommendation of the Monetary Board of CBSL. **▶ TO PAGE 14**

UNP wants end to harassment against mediemen

SHIROMI ABEYASINGHE

The United National Party calls upon the Government to initiate credible investigations into the recent reports of attacks and harassment against members of the media, Party General Secretary Palitha Range Bandara said. In two separate incidences, members of the media have reported attacks or harassment

against them by unknown individuals.

Freelance journalist for the *Sigara* news website, Sujeeva Gamage, was reportedly admitted to the Colombo National Hospital for five days. He was treated for injuries, which he claimed. **▶ TO PAGE 14**

Former Matale PS Member remanded over fake posts

SIRANJANI KUMARI

A Matale Pradeshiya Sabha member in remand custody over an incident of editing photographs and releasing them to social media with the intention of inconveniencing the government, was remanded until March 30 by the Colombo Chief Magistrate Buddhika Sri Ragala yesterday (23).

The suspect, former Matale Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Malala Bandara Ekanayake (Independent) was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department and was produced before Court for editing photographs. **▶ TO PAGE 14**

TNA's Contempt suit against Ven.Gnanasara Thera fixed for June 1



LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A Contempt of Court action filed against Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) General Secretary Ven. Galagoda Atte Gnanasara Thera for violating a court order was yesterday re-fixed for support on June 1 by the Court of Appeal.

The court order was regarding the cremation of the late Gurukanda Raja Maha Vihara chief monk's body in a kovil compound in Mullaitivu.

The Court of Appeal made this order pursuant to a fresh Contempt of Court action filed by



An organiser explaining to the Police

Rumpus at anti-LTTE fast in Jaffna

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE,
Northern Province special corr.

A group of protestors in Jaffna who were demanding justice to those who were abducted and murdered by the

LTTE and other armed Tamil Organizations clashed when instructed to bring the protest to an end. A clash took place between the two factions on March 22 at Nallur in Jaffna. **▶ TO PAGE 14**

Roadside inspection kills SI, another in mowdown

Two including a Sub Inspector were killed after a vehicle mowed them down in Rajagiriya yesterday, Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said.

The incident occurred when police officers were inspecting vehicles near the Ayurveda Roundabout.



Dog breeder in Court for animal cruelty

SAMEERA ABEYASINGHE,
Nugegoda group corr.

A dog breeder and seller who mistreated the dogs he was rearing was released on surety bail.

The released suspect identified as Mohomed Rizni a resident of Kaldemulla was involved in the business of selling



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